ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A laminated shingle simulates a slate roof when placed with other similar shingles on a roof deck. The laminated shingle includes an overlay member and an underlay member fixedly attached to each other such that the lower edges of the overlay and underlay members are generally co-linear with each other. The overlay member includes an upper or headlap portion and a lower or exposed butt portion with one or more generally rectangular-shaped tabs separated by relatively narrow cutouts. In one embodiment, the width of each tab is randomly selected. Preferably, the entire front surface of the underlay member is coated with a layer of relatively dark granules to enhance the slate simulating aspect of the shingle. In another embodiment, the overlay member also includes a layer of relatively dark granules randomly applied to the upper and lower edges of the tabs. In yet another embodiment, the cutouts of the overlay member and the lower edge of the underlay member includes notches to expose a portion of the underlying overlay member.